

# Bayou <sup>and</sup> Marsh

Newsletter of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society

## Back in Business!

*The first meeting since Katrina features a program on the recovery of City Park and the future of native irises along the lagoons.*

The Greater New Orleans Iris Society took a hiatus after you-know-what, but we are ready to go again. The first post-K meeting deals with an exceedingly important topic for our community: the recovery and improvement of City Park.

This topic is not without its implications for Louisiana irises. Even before the storm, plans were underway for restoration of the unique lagoons through-

out the Park, and water plants such as Louisianas were a core part of those plans. Before and after the storms, irises have been donated and set out along Bayou Metairie and other areas.

Mark Schexnayder, our speaker on March 3, has been a driving force in restoration planning, and the "restoration meeting" of GNOIS will be a great way to learn what is in the works to make the lagoons more beautiful than ever.

### FALL MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:30 - 11:30 AM

GARDEN STUDY CENTER

NEW ORLEANS

BOTANICAL GARDEN

### SPEAKER

## MARK SCHEXNAYDER

REGIONAL COASTAL ADVISOR

LSU AgCenter/

LA. SEA GRANT PROGRAM

### THE NATURAL HISTORY OF BAYOU ST. JOHN AND NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK WATERWAYS: A BLUEPRINT FOR RECOVERY

CALL 456-6060 FOR MORE INFORMATION

*And keep in mind...*

### Society for Louisiana Irises 2007 Convention, Garden Tours and Iris Show

Lafayette

April 12-15

Acadiana Hotel

For more information:

[http://www.louisianas.org/events/  
index.html](http://www.louisianas.org/events/index.html)

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Mark Schexnayder, left, talking with John Hopper, Director of Development, City Park, at a planting and clean-up day on Bayou Metairie in August.